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Supervisor Louis called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Also attending: Councilwoman McKeon, and Councilman Norris, Highway Superintendent Jordan, Town Clerk Brooks, and 2 members of the public. Absent: Councilmen Kuenster and Byas, and Tax Collector Stuart.

Supervisor Louis stated there was one item of business for the Board.

The **mowing contract covering the Town parks** is a fixed price contract (\$8,400) that allows for a maximum number of mowings. Ted Lounsbury, **Triple L Landscaping**, alerted the Town Clerk to the fact that only 3 mowings remained under the contract, due to the heavier-than-usual rain and growing conditions in August. Councilwoman McKeon recommended 3 additional mowings, \$350 total additional authorization. Supervisor read.

RESOLUTION
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**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE
FOR PARKS MOWING**

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution dated February 11, 2008, accepted the offer of Triple L Landscaping to provide mowing services for Town Parks for the amount of \$8,400, pursuant to the same terms and conditions in the original contract executed in 2006, and

WHEREAS, said contract provides for a specified number of times that the parks will be mowed each year, and provides for additional compensation to be determined if the mowing of parks exceeds the number of times specified in the contract,

WHEREAS, due to weather condition, there is a need for the town parks to be mowed in excess of the amount provided for in the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize that an additional \$350 be spent for 2008 to cover the cost of mowing three times in excess of the number of times provided under the contract.

Councilwoman McKeon moved, seconded by Councilman Norris.

Adopted Ayes-3 McKeon, Louis, Norris
 Nays-0
 Absent-2 Byas, Kuenster

Supervisor stated that long-tenured Highway Department employee **Ronald VanWormer** will be retiring at the end of October. Supervisor asked to begin the process of advertising the position, to publish a couple of times, set mid-month reply date, giving time to interview prospective applicants, and act on in October, in order to train for winter weather.

Ellie Alfeld asked for the position title. Answer: **Heavy Mechanical Equipment Operator.**

For the September agenda, as Councilman Byas is absent, Supervisor stated that he received a draft document from the **New Baltimore Conservancy** on issues related to the year-round use of trails at the **Hannacroix Preserve** and the New Baltimore Conservancy's financial inability to **plow the parking lot**. The Town does not plow private property. What has occurred in other communities is for the Town enter into a \$1/year obligation with the Open Space Institute, giving the Town an interest in the

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property as the lessee, to assist in plowing snow once the Town roads and highways have been cleared. This draft document is being reviewed currently by the Town Attorney. The Town Board should not be in a position to obligate the Highway Department without the explicit approval of the Highway Superintendent; Highway Superintendent Jordan is willing to try this for a one-year trial, based upon his examination of the current condition of the parking lot (any repairs would be the financial responsibility of the owner, Open Space Institute). As Superintendent Jordan will not be present at the September Regular Meeting of the Town Board, the issue is being raised at this meeting.

Supervisor Louis will discuss with Councilmen Byas and Kuenster, who are not present, that he expects to present the **Town of New Baltimore 2009 Tentative Budget** on the last Monday in September or the first Monday in October.

Supervisor is speaking to department heads for needs to consider in the Budget formulation over the next 30 days. Also, he will be speaking to Councilmen Byas and Kuenster about any **senior citizen programs** that may develop, although it is expected that those program ideas will come from the community and not the Town Board.

Supervisor Louis added that, following the Town Board Regular Meeting's discussion about **P&M Brick's permit application** for handling of construction and demolition debris, he received a call from **Carver Laraway**, owner of P&M, inviting Supervisor to see the site and to discuss his [Supervisor Louis'] letter to NYSDEC. This will happen on August 28, with Councilman Kuenster and a few individuals from the hamlet of New Baltimore. Councilman Norris asked if traffic patterns will be discussed; Supervisor answered that he has asked to discuss them at that time.

Councilman Norris announced that the Town of New Baltimore's **Emergency Response Plan** has been completed, another committee meeting will be held on September 9, and presentation to the Town Board for adoption will follow. Also, the Town now has a **recorded emergency phone number** from State Telephone: **756-6600**; information will follow.

With no more from the Board or the public, Councilman Norris moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman McKeon.

Motion Carried **Ayes-3 McKeon, Louis, Norris**
 Nays-0
 Absent-2 Kuenster, Byas

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Janet A. Brooks
Town Clerk